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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

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NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

This application is a Continuation of U. S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/915,910, filed July 25, 2001, entitled "Method And Apparatus For Load Balancing a Distributed Processing System" (Atty Dkt No. ATTA-25,512), which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/887,494, filed

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June 22, 2001, entitled "Method And Apparatus For Converting Data Between Two Dissimilar Systems" (Atty Dkt No. ATTA-25514), which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/879,571, filed June 12, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Generating Unique Id Packets in a Distributed Processing System" (Atty Dkt No. ATTA-25,515), which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/841,135, filed April 24, 2001, entitled "System and Method for Transmission of Information Between Locations on a Computer Network with the Use of Unique Packets," (Atty Dkt. No. ATTA-25,441).

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